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## GUATEMALA.

*Sanitary report from Livingston.*

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, May 1, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that your instructions with regard to modification of quarantine restrictions have been received and the modifications made, so far as this coast and the mountainous sections of the Republic are concerned. But persons from Salvador and the Pacific coast of this Republic I require to spend ten days in Zacapa or Guatemala City, and upon presenting a medical certificate to that effect, they will be allowed to pass through, baggage, of course, being fumigated.

There is considerable travel through the ports of Livingston and Puerto Barrios (fumigation is done at Barrios for both points), and I consider them ports of very great importance to the United States in matters of health; but right now the general health of this coast is first-class.

There is a lamentable absence of qualified practitioners in this vicinity, and, as a result, the vital statistics are not reliable. In most cases no physician has seen the patient. The family will make the diagnosis and report the death to the authorities; but I shall endeavor to make, approximately, correct reports.

Respectfully, yours,

N. K. VANCE,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## HONDURAS.

*Sanitary reports from La Ceiba.*

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, April 28, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report this port and surrounding country as healthy. A vessel, United States brig *Pedro* (a prize from the war), came in from Havana yesterday, twelve days out. No sickness aboard, and no cargo for this place; 1 trunk was landed, contents being first fumigated. This brig was boarded by the Honduran quarantine officer; he pronounced her clean and all right. She lies some distance off shore, and has had no communication with the town as yet. As the season advances, visits of this sort will menace the health of this port, and for this reason report of this case is made.

Respectfully,

WM. T. HAMILTON,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, May 3, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report this port and section of country as healthy. I can hear of no serious sickness whatever. \* \* \*

I reported to you the arrival of the American brig *Pedro*, twelve days from Havana. No sickness on board or cargo for this place.

Respectfully,

WM. T. HAMILTON,

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